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1. The Elektrochemisches Kombinat, Bitterfeld (EKB) consists of two main and one subsidiary plant. The main works are (a) the South Works situated immediately West of the town of Bitterfeld and (b) the North Works some 2 kms. northwest of the same town; the subsidiary plant, devoted entirely to the production of plastics, is located in the village of Zscherndorf about 4 kms. southwest of Bitterfeld.

2. The total number of employees at EKB Bitterfeld on 31 December 1953 was 12,756 of which 3,469 were women. A breakdown of these figures follows:

a) Salaried Staff.

Technicians male	323	
female	31	354
Office employees male	462	
female	333	345

b) Wage earners

Men	7470	
Women	2713	
Apprentices	874	11057
(male and female)		12756

3. The building program planned for 1954 consists of the following:

- a) Extension of the power plant. Increase in capacity this year is planned as MW 15.5, this being part of a three year scheme to raise total production from the 1952 figure of 63 MW to 230 MW in 1956. The whole scheme is to cost 42,000,000 DM.

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- b) Subsidiary buildings for the nearly completed aluminum plant which went into operation on 1 April 1954. One million DME has been set aside for these buildings.
- c) Extension of oxalic acid plant to raise production from 1,800 to 2,100 tons annually (cost 300,000 DME).
- d) Various minor extensions to existing buildings and erection of canteens, accommodations for apprentices, etc. (cost 2,000,000 DME).

Enclosures: A. Large scale (1:2000) plans of the North and South works.
(8 pages) (ORR and State, retention)

B. Chart showing the organization of EKB as of April 1954.
(1 page) (ORR and State, retention)

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